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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir,

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action dated December 23, 2008. The Examiner has set a three-month period for response, with a maximum statutory period for reply of six months, thus making this response due on or before March 23, 2009.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.